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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mitch Bernstein on 9-16-04.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 58 has been amended as follows:

58. The method of claim [47]57, wherein the xenogenic mammalian hepatocytes are human hepatocytes and the compatible mammalian hepatitis virus is human hepatitis B virus.

Inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael C. Wilson who can normally be reached at the office on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:30 am to 6:00 pm at 571-272-0738.

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